



HABITAT MANAGEMENT (CSP Enhancements)

WEST VIRGINIA 2006

CSP Enhancement Activity Task Sheet

CLIENT: _____

ENHANCEMENT 9 – Manage and maintain barn owl nest structures at one (1) structure per acre

☐ **THIS ENHANCEMENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE CURRENT CSP CONTRACT**

Payment for all other West Virginia Watersheds = \$0.50/acre/year and no limit per contract.

Some wildlife species require cavities in which to nest or roost. However, with the elimination of fencerows, dead trees and wooden fence posts in many farms, high quality natural cavity sites are missing in much of the landscape. This lack of appropriate nesting sites will reduce the likelihood of cavity nesting species successfully using otherwise good habitat. Many of these cavity-nesting species will use manmade structures if they are correctly built and placed. By erecting appropriate nesting structures, the quality of wildlife habitat may be improved.

Barn owls are a concern in West Virginia due to their declines in population. Little is known about their locations and habitat requirements in the Mountain State.

Manage habitat to annually provide or maintain barn owl nesting habitat on contracts with suitable sites.

Refer to the publication *Artificial Nesting Structures*, by the Wildlife Habitat Management Institute. This document may be found in Section IV of the WV [eFOTG](#) under the Technical Notes section. Follow the guidance in this publication to meet species requirements, operation and maintenance and specific structure designs.

Certification of Management of Barn Owl Nesting Structures

Farm# _____ Tract # _____

Field #	Structures Installed	Acres

I certify that I have managed for barn owls as listed above and as outlined in the guidance I was provided.

Client's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Additional Notes: